

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area



Spirit of the Mountains 2011 PHOTO CONTEST

*Share the wonders of
Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area
with others. Enter the
Spirit of the Mountains
Photo Contest. Let your
photographic imagination
capture the essence of
this hidden jewel.*



Photo Contest & Exhibit for Amateur Photographers

For an entry form and instructions, visit:
www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm
or the **National Park Service Visitor Center**
in Thousand Oaks at 401 West Hillcrest Drive.

Submit your entries between **September 1 and
September 30, 2011.**

All entries will be on exhibit at the
National Park Service Visitor Center
October 15, 2011 through December 17, 2011.

For more information: 805-370-2301

John Muller *Rude Point Sunset*, 2010 Second Place Winner-
Scenic Category



Entry Requirements

Open to **amateur** photographers only.

Digital or film prints are acceptable.

Entries accepted **September 1 – September 30, 2011.**

Submit only photos of the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone**

For a map of the Zone: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm

Categories

1. **Plants**
2. **Animals**
3. **Scenic Shots**
4. **People in Parklands**
5. **Young Photographers** (Age 12 and younger)
6. **Working Together** (Any aspect of cooperation)
7. **Cell Phone Snapshots** (New category for mobile devices!)

Winning Entries

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category. All Young Photographers will receive a special recognition. Winners will be announced at **1:30pm, October 15, 2011** at the opening of the 2011 Photo Exhibit. First Place winners will be published in the *OUTDOORS*, our quarterly calendar of events and programs, with an average circulation of 18,000 issues. *OUTDOORS* is also available at <http://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/events.htm>. Second and Third place winners may be published in *OUTDOORS* as space permits.

Note: All entries will be on exhibit **October 15, 2011 through December 17, 2011** at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks.

Submit 9/1/11 – 9/30/11

Print Entry Form (Attach one form per print entry. Print clearly.)

Category (Check one)

- ☐ Plants
- ☐ Animals
- ☐ Scenic Shots
- ☐ Young Photographers
- ☐ People in Parklands
- ☐ Working Together
- ☐ Cell Phone Snapshots
(see instructions on next page)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Site where photo was taken _____

Photo equipment used _____

Title of Entry (optional) _____

Signature _____

My signature on this form verifies that I have read and will comply with the Rules and Regulations and that I grant non-exclusive, royalty-free license to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area/ National Park Service for the future use and modification of entries. Entries may be used in (but not limited to) print and electronic media and for other park promotions (with credit).

Rules & Regulations

- Amateur photographers only.
- Paid employees of the National Park Service are excluded from contest participation.
- Digital and film prints are acceptable.
- Photos can be taken on federal, state, county, city, or other public agency property, so long as the photo is taken within the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone** which includes the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and associated watersheds and canyons. A map and description is available online at: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm
- Demonstrate good stewardship of the mountains by entering photos that depict approved visitor use and park resource protection per administering agency regulations.
- Winning photos that will be published in *OUTDOORS* may need to be cropped to fit or shown as a detail. Winners will be asked to submit their digital file or film for use in *OUTDOORS*.
- If people are visible in winning photos, the photographer will need to have releases from those people before the photo can be published in *OUTDOORS*. Photo release forms available at: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm
Note: If a private house or building is clearly identifiable in a photo, it too needs to have a release from the owner before publication.
- In the event of limited entries in a particular category, the number of winners will be reduced. Photographers are limited to one win per category.
- We are not responsible for mailed entries that are lost or damaged in transit.
- We will make every possible effort to safeguard the prints in our secure headquarters building, but we can not be responsible in case of natural disaster or other unforeseen events.

Submission of Cell Phone Snapshots

- Cell Phone Snapshots can be taken by any mobile device such as a cell phone or smartphone that has email capability. Submit your digital photos to samophoto@nps.gov
- Cell Phone Snapshots are limited to 3 megabytes and 2 entries per person.
- After submitting your photo, you will be emailed an entry form and terms of agreement. We will also ask for your name, phone number and other information to identify and label your photo.

Submission Format for Prints

- Submit entry as a matted print. Prints (excluding mat) cannot be larger than 11" x 17" or smaller than 7" x 8".
- A matted print means that your photo should have a surrounding paper border, a window mat, or be mounted on stiff board. The photo itself may be a glossy or matte finish. If using self-positioning photomats, the front of the mat should have no sticky residue. *Please do not use frames, glass, or plastic covers.*
- BE AWARE that we will attach Velcro® to the back of your entry so it adheres to our fabric-covered panels for the exhibit. (We will supply the Velcro®.)
- Names should not be visible on front side of prints.
- One entry form PER PRINT. We will assign an identification number to each print and separate prints and forms for the judging.
- Photographers can submit up to 2 entries per each category but can only win one prize per category; There is a **LIMIT OF 5 PRINT ENTRIES** total for the entire contest. Young Photographers (age 12 and under) can submit up to 2 entries in their category (entries can be of any subject). Cell Phone Snapshots are limited to 2 entries per person.
- Submit entries in person or by mail between **September 1 through September 30, 2011** at the National Park Service Visitor Center, 401 West Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360, Attention: Photo Contest. *Mailed entries must be received by September 30, 2011.*

Print Return

Entries can be picked up at the National Park Service Visitor Center from **December 18, 2011 through January 7, 2012**. *Note: Any entry not picked up by January 15, 2012 becomes the property of the National Park Service.*

Announcement of Winners

Winners announced and awards given at the exhibit opening on **Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 1:30pm.**

Exhibit Dates

Entries will be exhibited for 10 weeks at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks, CA. The exhibit opens on **October 15, 2011 and closes December 17, 2011.**



Questions:

National Park Service
Visitor Center
(open 9am to 5pm daily)
805-370-2301